(e) whether it is also a fact that the MOs/SMOs are asked by Chief Medical Officer to travel by bus while returning after attending to their official dutiese; and

(f) if the reply to parts (d) and (e) above be in the affirmative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Since the duties of two categories of Officers are different, comparison is not valid.

(d) to (f) SMOs/MOs are reimbursed actual conveyance charges by three-wheeler scooter, for to and from journey, in connection with the official duties within a radius of 8 kms. In case, the journey is performed beyond 8 kms, mileage allowance, as per rules is given. In the exigencies of work, the amount spent on hiring three-wheeler scooter for one way journey or in certain cases both way journeys beyond 8 kms. may also be reimbursed, restricting the total amount of expenditure on hiring any mode of conveyance including three wheeler scooter as per rules.

Residuary jurisdiction of Western Coalfield Limited

2166. SHRI S.W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 115 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1985 and state:

(a) what will be the residuary jurisdiction and the area covered by Western Coalfields Limited having office at Nagpur;

(b) which area will be covered by the two new companies, Northern Coalfields Limited having Headquarters at Sinrauli (M.P.) and South-Eastern Coalfields Limited with headquarters at Bilaspur (M.P.):

(c) how many existing mines will be covered by these three companies; and

(d) what is the future programme of development of opening new mines under the area covered by western Coalfields Limited?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) These Jurisdictions are yet to be exactly delineated.

(c) Over 120 existing mines will be covered by these three companies.

(d) During the Seventh Plan period Western Coalfields Limited will have an investment of about Rs. 600 crores to atttain a production level of 24.5 million tonnes by 1989-90.

Thermal power station in Chandrapur

2167. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government have urged the Central Government for setting up of a Super Thermal Power Station in Chandrapur area based on Coal availablity from the Wardha Valley Coal Fields;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) by when the project is proopsed to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) Based on the availability of coal from Wardha coal fields, a total capacity of 1820 MW has already been approved for implementation in the State sector at Chandrapur the State Government had also proposed installation of a Super Thermal Power Station in the Central Sector. An investment decision for implementation of the Central project can be taken only after all the inputs such as Coal, environmental clearance, and financial resources, etc. have been tied up and the techno-economic viability of the project, in addition to the capacity already approved, is established.